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Dear Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

This is in response to the final Office Action dated January 27, 2006, for which a response was due on April 27, 2006. Filed herewith is a Petition and fee for a one-month extension of time, thereby extending the deadline for response to May 27, 2006. This deadline falls on a Saturday; and May 29, 2006 is a Federal holiday. Accordingly, this response is timely filed. Reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims, as amended, in light of the remarks presented herein are respectfully requested.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 10 of this paper.